

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/475,129 (now abandoned) \_\_\_\_\_ (~~Docket No. 33702/US~~), entitled "Method of Increasing The Hydrostatic Stress Strength Of A Polymer," filed October 17, 2003, which is the national stage of PCT Application No. PCT/ZA03/00053, of the same title, filed April 17, 2003, which designates the United States and claims priority to South African Application No. ZA 2002/3121, filed April 19, 2002. The entire content of the aforementioned documents is incorporated by reference.